(b) and (c) State/Union Territory Governments have issued Gazette Notifications broadly giving incentives like allocation of land at concessional rates, exemption fi'om building tax levied by the Revenue Department and concession of electricity and water charges etc. for hotels.

Payment of Compensatory Wages to ITDC Employees

273 5. SARDAR BALV^TOER SINGH BHUNDAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether ITDC was paying any compensatory wages to its employees during the Election days during the last four years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether this practice is still continuous; if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CUUTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) ITDC has been allowing compensatory off to the employees in lieu of performing normal duties on election day in its hotel units in the past. In the year 1998 for the first time one day extra wages were paid in its four units, namely. Hotels Kanishka, Ranjit, Janpath and Indraprastlia, New Delhi to employees for performing normal duties on Election day. To obviate confiision, a policy circular has been issued by the Management to permit compensatory off to the employees who perform their duties in the hotels on election day.

Development of Adventure Tourism

2736. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the plans of Govermnent to promote extensively domestic tourism both for the foreign and domestic tourists;

(b) the details of activities being devoted towards adventure tourism and the sports which have been developed for this;

(c) whether Government agencies are adequately equipped to handle this growing adventure tourism or some private agencies have been involved in this; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR): (a) 1. Creating awareness by way of advertising in print and electronic media.

2. Organising seminars/workshop on tourism.

3. Extensive use of Information Technology in the field of tourism India Tourism website, preparation of CD ROMs, participation in travel and tourism fairs etc.

4. Production of Publicity & Promotional material on adventure sports. Trekking and Wild life.

5.The Central financial assistance is extended to StateAJnion Territories for development of Tourism infrastructure to facilitate promotion of both Domestic and Inbound Foreign Tourism in the country.

(b) Assistance under the scheme is extended to States/UTs for procurement of SkiingAVater sports/mountaineering/trekking equipments and their accessories and Cruise vessels for development of adventure tourism especially in the places included in the identified travel/water way circuits, special tourism areas and in tlie North-Eastern Region. The details of the projects sanctioned for Central Financial Assistance to States for the last three years are enclosed as Statement, *{see* below)

(c) and (d) Yes Sir, State Governments have been advised to take safety measures and adopt ecological safeguards while allowing adventure sports activities in Tourist destination in the country. Consultations with Adventure Tour Operators have also been held for suggestions.

STATEMENT

Statement showing Projects Sanctioned During 1997-98,1998-99 and 1999-2000

SI. No.	State/Name of the Project	Year	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in Lakhs)
	ANDHRA PRADESH		
1.	Construction of Jetty at Durga Ghat at Vijaywada	1999-2000	15.00
2.	Construction of Jetty at K.V. Motel Krishna River	1999-2000	16.50
	ASSAM		
1.	Purchase of white water rafting equip.	1998-99	26.27

SI. No.	State/Name of the Project	Year	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in Lakhs)
	CHANDIGARH		
1.	Purchase of Boats for Sukhna Lake	1998-99	7.27
2.	Procurement of Boats and Jetty at Sukhana Lake	1999-2000	5.26
	DELHI		
1.	Purchase of Pedal Boat at Shikara for Naini Lake	1998-99	11.44
2.	Purchase of water sports equipment	1998-99	8.81
	GOA		
1.	Construction of Jetty at Cavelossim	1999-2000	50.00
	GUJARAT		
1.	Aero-sports equipment for Saputara	1998-99	15.00.
	JAMMU & KASHMIR		
1.	Purchase of Ice Hockey equipment	1998-99	11.78
2.	Winter sports equipment for four Places	1999-2000	11.78
	KARNATAKA		
1.	Water Sports equipment for Bheemeshwari	1998-99	7.66
2.	Purchase of OEM at Mysore Belagaum etc.	1999-2000	13.62
3.	Procurement of water sports equipment for Devbaugh Beach Resort	1999-2000	5.00

SI. No.	State/Name of the Project	Year	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in Lakhs)
4.	Water sports equipment for various boat clubs	1999-2000	8.67
	KERALA		
1.	Procurement of trekking & Rock Climbing equipment	1998-99	7.15
2.	Procurement/House Boats for Malabar	1998-99	50.00
	LAKSHADWEEP		
1.	Purchase of 5 Glass Boats	1997-98	5.00
2.	Purchaise of Scuba Diving equipment	1998-99	29.00
	MADHYA PRADESH		
1.	Water sports facilities at Panchmari	1997-98	3.04
2.	Water Sports facilities at Khajuraho lake	1997-98	4.40
3.	Expansion of Boat club at Upper lake	1997-98	6.23
4.	Expansion of Boat club at Panchmari	1999-2000	12.40
5.	Development of Boat club at Lower lake	1999-2000	15.09
6.	Development of water sports facilities at Bagri Dam, Jabalpur '	1999-2000	23.36

SI. No.	State/Name of the Project	Year	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in Lakhs)
	MAHARASHTRA		
1.	Water sports equipment for Ganapatipulle	1999-2000	5.40
2.	Water sports equipment for Navegaon Kheri	1999-2000	7.99
3.	Water sports equipment at Paithan	1999-2000	7.68
4.	"Water sports equipment in Karla	1999-2000	8.30
5.	Water sports equipment in Chikhaldara	1999-2000	6.71
	MEGHALAYA		
1.	* Purchase of equipment for Cave Adventure Tourism	1998-99	4.99
	MIZORAM		
1.	Purchase of water sports equipment for Kolodyne from Darzo point upto Kawlchaw	1999-2000	5.00
	NAGALAND		
1.	Water sports equipment	1997-98	24.56
2.	Trekking equipment for Nagaland	1998-99	8.60
3.	Procurement of Trekking equipment	1999-2000	29.94
	ORISSA		
1.	Procurement of water sports equipment for Satapada (Chilka lake)	1999-2000	20.00

SI. No.	State/Name of the Project	Year	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in Lakhs)
	PONDICHERRY		
1.	Water sports equipment at Chunamber	1997-98	7.00
	SIKKIM		
1.	Procurement of Paragliding equipment	1999-2000	15.00
	TAMIL NADU		
1.	Purchase of water sports equipment for Chanagalpattu	1997-98	15.00
2.	Procurement of 4 glass bottom boats	1998-99	18.90
	TRIPURA		
1.	Trekking equipment at Jamui Hills	1997-98	3.S1
	UTTAR PRADESH		
1.	Purchase of Ski equipment Munsiyari	1998-99	10.00
2.	Purchase of river rafting equipment Mahakali Ganga River	1998-99	10.00
3.	Construction of water sports complex at Allahabad	1999-2000	49.51
4.	Purchase of river rafting equipment for Yamuna river	1999-2000	10.08
5.	Construction of Floating Jetty at Bhimtal Nainital and Naukucheytal lake	iyvs)-2000	7.62
6.	Procurement of Trekking equipment facilities in Pithoragarh	1999-2000	13.23